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SENATOR GOODRICH: Right.

SENATOR FOWLER: He was suppose to only really get for operation of his jail half of what he recieved. Is that correct?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's correct.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. I guess I understand what we are doing and I guess I would just make some comments. Every year we hear about, the complaints about Thurston County, the operation of the jail. We had complaints about the Indian Bounty Act that reimbursed the Sheriff on the basis of each person that he put in jail. So we changed it with 131 holding out the promise of rehabilitation. Then the Sheriff did not implement that in the intent of the legislature so now once again there have been complaints to bring in a different Act. It's amended in committee and the end result is the Sheriff gets at least the same amount of money he has for jail operation and then we add a little money, try to buy off the Indian community for alconolism rehabilitation programs. I think that we keep using the situation, Thurston County keeps coming back and we never correct the intial problem which is the way the Sheriff has been operating the jail. In fact, each year we keep increasing the subsidy to him. I think maybe we should hold this bill over a day and try and find some better solution to this problem or we will hear about it next year and each year somehow the price tag goes up to what we are sending Thurston County. But the problem is never solved. So I don't think we should advance this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, question of Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Sure.

SENATOR KIME: Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Fire away.

SENATOR KIME: Did you say, what, 31,000 for alcohol treatment?

SENATOR GOODRICH: There is 36,988 dollars of which 11,988 is new money. The other 25,000 was going originally to the Indian Commission completely separate from the Sheriff's program. We collapsed that money into this Indian alcohol program and that 25 plus 11,988 new money makes up this 36,988 of new money, of funding of the alcohol program.

SENATOR KIME: Was ex-Senator Richendifer, was he in on this discussion with you?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR KIME: What is the seriousness of the drug situation there on the Reservation?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, their main problem is alcohol problem. The, if they do have a drug problem pop up though, the same